

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the second paragraph on page 6 of the specification as follows:

The web used in the process of the invention preferably contains polypropylene fibers. The polypropylene in the polypropylene fibers is homogeneous in the cross-section in the solid state. The amount of the polypropylene fibers in the web is preferably at least 30 % by weight. The web may contain further fibers, such as thermoplastic fibers or cellulosic fibers. In a specific embodiment, the web consists of polypropylene fibers. The nonwoven web of the present invention has anisotropic elasticity properties, preferably a ratio of elongation at break in cross direction to the elongation at break in machine direction of at least 800 %. The nonwoven web may be a spunbonded web, a melt blown web or a carded thermally bonded nonwoven web, or the nonwoven web may be a laminate containing two or more of the above mentioned nonwoven webs or the web may be a laminates of the above mentioned nonwoven webs and a thermoplastic film. Several kinds of thermally bonded nonwoven webs including carder, spunbond, SMS and SMMS from different producers have been processed and the resultant webs exhibit high stretchability with high recovery in the cross-direction. The cross-direction-only elasticity of these webs truly frees the nonwoven product converting from the need of sewing latex straps in their conventional methods, and the converted products provide sensational easy-fit and stressless comfort to wearer.